# SUSSEX & KENT 17TH CENTURY TOKEN COLLECTORS AND THEIR TICKETS

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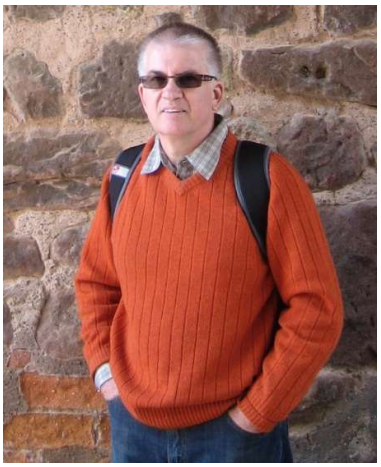

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# Author's Preface

The following document was prepared as an aid in identifying envelopes and tickets made by past and present collectors of 17th century merchant tokens issued in Sussex and Kent.

A collector's ticket and/or envelope accompanying a token provides evidence of prior ownership (provenance). The detail on the ticket is often limited, so a study of auction catalogues is usually made to see if the token can be identified there and if there is any additional information. The catalogues of Noonans Mayfair, for example, now include photographs of each token; details of provenance where known; and often a biography of the owner of the collection being sold.

Determining a full provenance is usually not possible, and many tokens simply have no provenance at all. Whatever information is obtained adds a richness to the history of the token and to novice collectors can be a validation of the collectability (and hence value) of a particular piece, especially if it was once held by respected collectors. Some handwritten tickets can be over 100 years old.

The potential for provenance to add extra value to a token is probably why most dealers now retain them and pass them on when tokens are sold. However, there were times in the past when some museums and dealers discarded them so it is likely that much has been lost.

In this document the collectors are presented in order of the date their collection was sold, otherwise date of death if not still living. The nature of this document is that it will always be a work in progress, awaiting discovery of further information. With this in mind, I have also included details of significant collectors for whom I have no examples of their tickets, if indeed they had any. There is also a section at the back which displays tickets for which I have not been able to identify a collector (yet).

For a discussion on the history and relevance of tickets, readers should refer to:
Eaglen, R.J., Mitchell, P.D., Pagan, H.E. "Coin tickets in the British hammered series", British Numismatic Journal, Vol 71 (2001), pp. 136-157.
https://www.britnumsoc.org/publications/Digital%20BNJ/pdfs/2001_BNJ_71_13.pdf

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# Sussex & Kent - 17th Century Tokens
# Collectors and their Tickets

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## 1899 – (Lt-Col.) Barzillai Lowsley (1840 - 1905)

Lowsley lived in Southsea, Hampshire and a collection of his 17th century tokens, comprising 3,803 tokens over many counties, was **auctioned in September 1899 by Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge** in London. He had a reasonable collection for Hampshire, Kent, London, Middlesex, Oxfordshire and Somersetshire, and 53 tokens for Sussex. It is not known if he wrote any tickets. His son, Col. Herbert de Lisle Pollard-Lowsley, is said to have sold a Berkshire collection to Ralph Nott in 1936, so he may have continued as a collector.

He was a retired lieutenant-colonel in the Royal Engineers.

**References:**
CATALOGUE OF THE COLLECTION OF TOKENS AND COINS, THE PROPERTY OF Lieutenant-Colonel B. LOWSLEY {Retired) Royal Engineers ; of Southsea, Hants , INCLUDING An Important Arrangement of the Seventeenth Century Tokens for English Counties ; ……..
Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge Auction, 3 May 1899.
https://archive.org/details/catalogueofcolle00sot_4bn/page/6/mode/2up

## 1920 – Rev. Thomas Shipden Frampton (1841 - 1923)

Thomas Frampton was born at Hythe, Kent in about 1841 and died at Dover, Kent in 1923.

An article in The Maidstone and Kent County Standard, 4 Aug 1882 titled "Old Kentish Tokens" mentions a display at the Maidstone Museum of "a very good collection of 17th Century Kent Tokens" lent by the Rev. T.S. Frampton. It stated:

> "The collection numbers rather more than 520 varieties; and is, we believe, the largest private collection relating to the county."

It is not known if Frampton wrote any tickets or envelopes.

At the time of the 1882 article he was curate of St Mary's Platt, near Wrotham in Kent. The British Museum has a short biography on him which says:
"**Donated and sold coins and medals 1920-21**, some of which were once owned by Dr H Weber".
Images of some of his 17th century tokens are on the British Museum site, in particular some fine examples for Wrotham and Wye, so presumably some of the collection was donated there.

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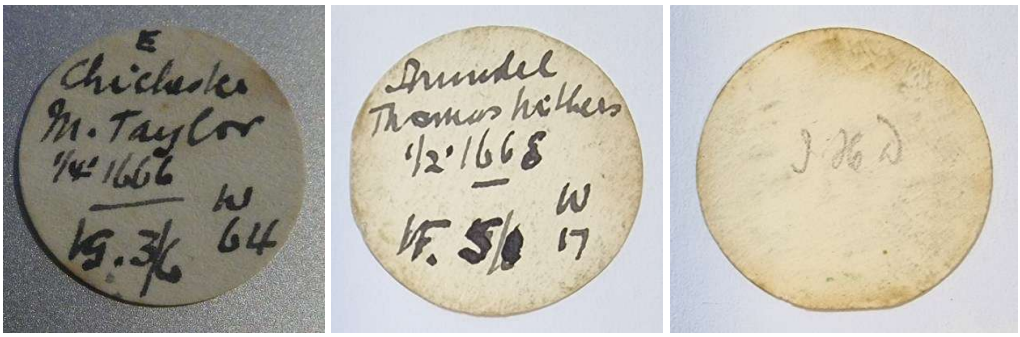
https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/term/BIOG90945

## 1936 – James Herbert Daniels (1864-1936)



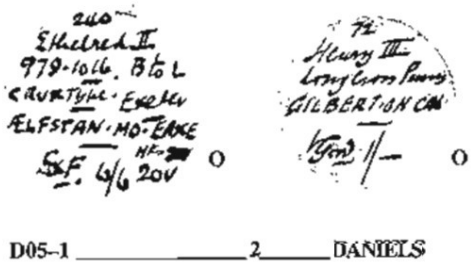

(Courtesy of Michael Knight)

Daniels was both a collector and a dealer who was in business at 90 Church St, Brighton by at least 1891 and later trading from his home address at 12 Buxton Rd, Brighton.

He donated his collection of Sussex tokens to the Brighton Museum and it is known there today as "The Daniels Collection", and also includes Iron Age and Medieval coins minted in Sussex. It was said to be the most complete collection of Sussex tokens at that time.

After his death in 1936 his remaining stock was sold in Glendinning sales 25-26 Mar 1936 (56 lots) and 17-18 June 1936 (2 lots).

For comparison, the Daniels tickets below are taken from the British Numismatic Journal, Vol 71 (2001), no. 13, Plate 30.

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British Numismatic Journal, Vol 71 (2001), no. 13, p. 153.
https://www.britnumsoc.org/publications/Digital%20BNJ/pdfs/2001_BNJ_71_13.pdf

## 1937 – Luther Clements (1853 - 1936)

The Dix Noonan Webb catalogue (16 Mar 2005) mentions Clements in its description of the collection of Robert Hogarth:

> "… the best collection of Kent 17th century tokens to have been publicly dispersed since the holdings of **Luther Clements, Williamson's sub-editor for Kent, were auctioned in May 1937**. Totalling 561 different varieties, a smidgen short of the 567 (recte 566) collected by Clements and attributed to Kent at that time. ……. sources of note include Mrs Norweb, Col. Carthew, Philip Greenall, the barrister and philatelist Sir Geoffrey Edgar Duveen (1883-1975), William Gilbert and even **Clements** himself."

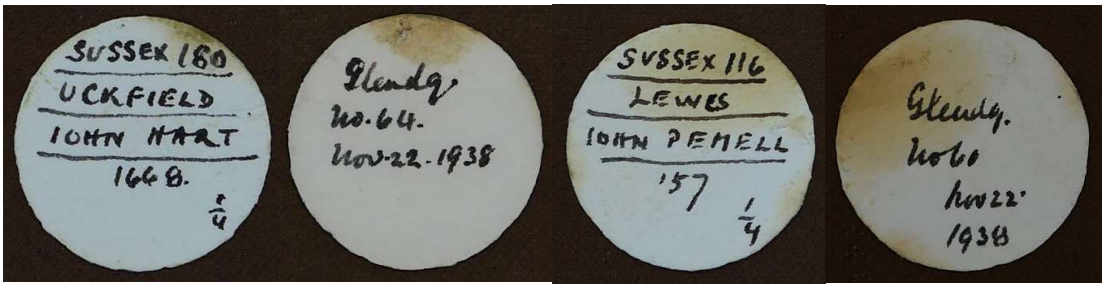
Luther Clements was born in 1853 at Waltham Abbey, Essex and died on 19 April 1936, aged 82 years. He was living at Peckham Rye, London at the time. The various census records 1871-1921 show him as an owner of houses, living off his own means. He married Emma Claridge Clarke in 1877 at Camberwell, and they had several children.

Williamson's book "Trade Tokens Issued in the Seventeenth Century" was published in 1889, when Clements would have been 36 years old. According to the quote above, Clements was the sub-editor for Kent. He became a Fellow of the British Numismatic Society.

In a brief article in The Gravesend Journal, Northfleet and Galley Hill Chronicle, on 28 November 1891, A.H. Baldwin acknowledges that Mr. Luther Clements has brought to his attention an unpublished Woolwich token issued by William Mason, 1657.

It is not known if he wrote tickets, or if any survive.

## 1941 - Dr. Fred Bailey Penfold (1878 - 1941)




Dr. Fred Bailey Penfold MRCS LRCP was living at Leatherhead, Surrey when **he died in 1941**, aged 62 years. He left his collection of Sussex 17th century tokens to the Sussex Archaeological Society, comprising 139 tokens. An article by J.D. Caldecott in 1943 states that the collection was "probably the third or fourth best known".

Fred Penfold was born in 1878 at Marylebone, Middlesex and followed his father's occupation to become a registered dentist in 1901. In 1910 he appears to have been in practice with his father at 30 York St, Portman Square, London. His obituary in the British Numismatic Journal (1942) states that he was "of a somewhat reticent and retiring disposition"; had a lifelong interest in coins; and that his area of interest was chiefly Sussex. His bequest comprised the collection of Sussex 17th century tokens, a collection of Anglo-Saxon pennies and a library of books.

**References:**

"Obituaries: Dr F. B. Penfold, MRCS, LRCP" by J.B. Caldecott in British Numismatic Journal, Vol. 24 (1942-44), 56.
"The Penfold Bequest: Coins and Tokens" by J.B. Caldecott in Journal of the Sussex Archaeological Society, Vol. 83 (1943).

## 1944 - William Gilbert (1878 - 1944)

Gilbert acquired over 6,800 tokens between about 1913 and 1930, selling many in his lifetime. He had a lot of Kent tokens, but hardly any Sussex.

Gilbert's collection was bought by Baldwin's in 1941 and dispersed over time.

Biographical notes from the British Numismatic Society:

> Architect. Member of RNS [Royal Numismatic Society] and council. Several articles on unrecorded 17th C tokens in NC [Numismatic Chronicle] and book on the Token Coinage of Essex in the Seventeenth Century (1918). Collection of 17th C Cambridgeshire tokens etc. sold to Baldwin c. 1941. Resold in 39 lots with other collections via Spink. 3 March 1982. Lot 12 had 30 pieces from Ely in outstanding condition and was bought by Ely Museum.

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## 1946 - Col. Ranulphus John Carthew (1863 - 1943)

The large Carthew collection was **offered for sale in March 1946 at Seaby's**, excluding his Suffolk collection. A number of counties were not mentioned & may well have been sold off en bloc without being listed (the Norfolks were later sold separately by Seaby). It is estimated that there were almost 5,800 pieces offered for sale and that the Suffolk collection may have comprised another 340 pieces. Many Carthew tickets have survived, however it is said that he tended not to keep old tickets.

Carthew was born at Woodbridge Abbey, Suffolk. He was elected a member of the British Numismatic Society in 1905 and a Fellow of the Royal Numismatic Society in January 1905. He served in WW1 in France and died on 1 November 1943 at Woodbridge, aged 80 years. He is known to have purchased many tokens from William Gilbert.

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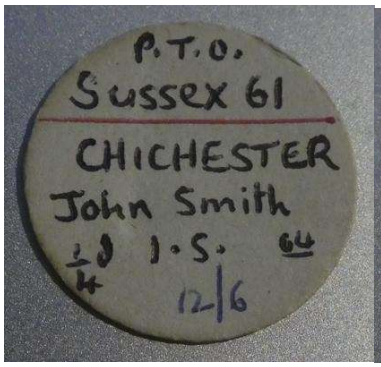
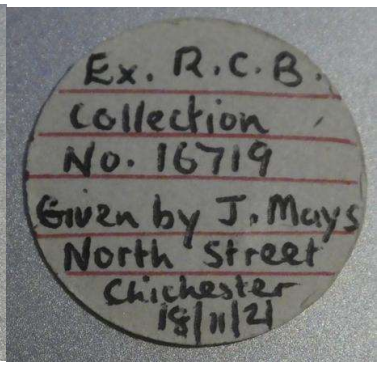
Oddie, Gary. "*Col. Ranulphus John Carthew*" in Token Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol. 13 No 12, p. 583. (September 2022)
Seaby Coin and Medal Bulletin, No. 340, March 1946, pp.8-16

## 1960 – Raymond C. Carlyon-Britton (1893-1960)

Britton was principally a collector of British hammered silver coins, and lived in Chichester. His father Major PWP Carlyon-Britton, founded the British Numismatic Society in 1903. Although there are no known tickets written by him, there are a number of Seaby tickets for Sussex 17th century tokens which reference his collection (see below):





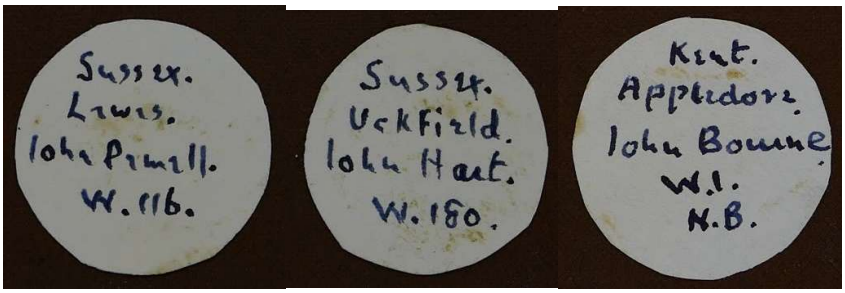

(Seaby's ticket with reference to ex RCB collection on reverse – courtesy of Michael Knight)

His obituary in the British Numismatic Journal states that his first collection was sold at auction in 1921; his second in 1947 due to ill-health, and his final collection sold privately after his death. The date 18/11/21 on the above illustrated ticket coincides with the 1921 auction.

**References:**

British Numismatic Journal, Vol 29 (1958), no. 40, p. 427.
https://www.britnumsoc.org/publications/Digital%20BNJ/pdfs/1958_BNJ_29_40.pdf

## 1961 - Ralph Augustus Nott (1883 - 1960)




Ralph Nott was born in Brighton, Sussex and his family moved to Southsea, Hampshire in the early 1890s. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in a reserve battalion in 1903, promoted to lieutenant in 1907 but resigned his commission in 1912. He served in WW1 as part of the Red Cross and Order of St John and later became a schoolmaster. He died in London in 1960, aged 78 years.

His interest in 17th century tokens began about 1902 but his first major purchase is thought to have been in 1936 when he purchased a Berkshire collection from Col. Herbert de Lisle Pollard-Lowsley, son of Lt-Col. Barzillai Lowsley who, like Nott, had lived in Southsea.

Nott is said to have built his collection through purchases from dealers and attendances at auctions. In particular, he bought several lots from Carthew's collection when it was auctioned in 1946 (including Hertfordshire en bloc), and retained Carthew's tickets. He formed a collection of some 8,000 17th century tokens which was **bought post-mortem by Spink in 1961** and sold en bloc to E.M.H & R.H. Norweb thus forming a substantial part of their collection.

Nott's tickets are hand-cut and he always wrote with a fountain pen, usually in blue ink. They are commonly found inside a Norweb envelope. Some of his tickets have a "T" on the reverse, which indicates that they came from the Taffs collection (Herbert William Taffs (1870-1955), Glendining Auction, 21-3 November 1956).

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Token Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol 14, no. 9 (Dec 2024), pp. 392-405. "Ralph Augustus Nott (1883-1960)" by Quentin Archer. (*comprehensive biography*)

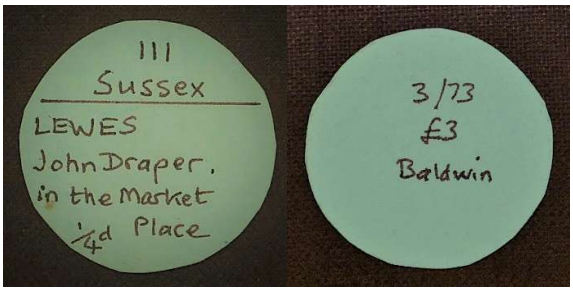
## 1985 - V.J. (Nicky) Newbury (1909 - 1985)

Nicky Newbury was an antiques dealer **who died in 1985** at Hollingbourne (near Maidstone), Kent, aged 75 years. Newbury had joined the Kent Numismatic Society during the war years and collected Kent 17th century tokens. His Kent collection may have been the finest ever as at the date of sale and contained over 500 specimens, most of which were in very fine condition. His green-ticketed pieces, without any provenances, were **acquired en bloc post-mortem by Baldwin's**, the London based dealer and auction house, and subsequently dispersed.

Viney James (Nicky) Newbury was born in 1909 at South Kensington to parents James and Alice Newbury. His unusual name, Viney, was his mother's maiden surname.

**References:**
"Obituary – Mr. V.J. Newbury", Token Corresponding Society Bulletin Vol. 4, No. 2, p.40. (Spring 1985)

## 1985 - Derek L. Smith ( - c2020)




Derek's collection of 17th century tokens was **bought substantially by Nigel Clark in 1985**. His distinctive green tickets usually have source, date & cost (sometimes in code) on the back.

Derek L. Smith lived at Hazel Grove, a suburb of Stockport, Greater Manchester. He had pieces from most counties, but the strength of his collection was in Cheshire, Lancashire and London. The remnants of his collection, 200 or so pieces, were catalogued by Nigel and sold at Sotheby's in July, 1985. He later moved to Huddersfield to be close to his family.

Nigel wrote about the collection in TCS Bulletin (Autumn/Winter 1985/86):

> Derek Smith spent over 20 years building his collection of 17th century tokens, the pursuit of which he finally relinquished in early 1985. His aim was not to complete any particular group of pieces, but to have representative tokens of the English counties, the

many varying arms and trades, town pieces, shapes and sizes, together with pieces from places of interest to him. Being a north countryman, some of the counties there were better represented than in many general collections. London was also strongly represented. He had an eye for a nice grade, attractive token, but was not servile to the "investment criteria" in coins, and many lower-grade tokens of considerable interest are to be found in the collection. In this he was consistent with most specialist collectors of the series.

**References:**

Clark, Nigel, "*The Derek L. Smith Collection of 17th Century Tokens*" in Token Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol. 4. No. 4, p.28. (Autumn/Winter 1985/86)

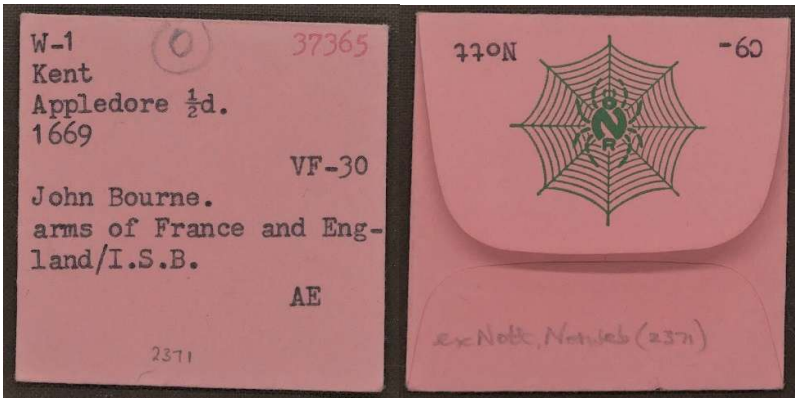
## 1987 – Dr. Walter Winton (1917 - 2002)

Walter Winton was a physicist and former keeper of the Science Museum in London. He lived at Harefield near Uxbridge.
According to N. Clark, Winton's collection specialised in three areas - town pieces; shapes (hearts, squares, octagonals, etc); and legends (e.g. "Good Morrow, Valentine"). Most counties were represented, including Sussex and Kent.
The auction was held **at Glendinning's on 18 February 1987** and comprised 84 lots, of which 40 lots were purchased by Nigel Clark. There would appear to have been no tickets or envelopes with the Winton pieces.

**References:**

Clark, Nigel, "*AUCTION REPORT Glendinning's, 18th February 1987 - W. Winton Collection*" in Token Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol. 4. No. 7, pp.30-31. (June 1987)

## 1988 - Raymond Henry Norweb (1895 - 1983) & Emery May Norweb (1896 - 1984)




The Norweb Collection of over 13,000 17th century English trade tokens was largest accumulation ever held in private hands. Mrs. Emery May Norweb had been the main collector of the tokens, and she died in 1984 at Cleveland, Ohio, USA. The collection was documented and published as the Norweb Collection of Tokens of the British Isles, 1575-1750 in eight volumes in the Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles series. Work on this had begun in 1974 with the first volume published in 1984 and the last in 2011.

The collection was sold in parts after each volume was completed. **Parts 1 & 2 were sold by Spink after publication of the latter in 1988.** The British Museum had first choice of any pieces it wanted, and the rest were auctioned or sold through Spink, so the dispersal happened over many years thus allowing the market to absorb the large collection. Proceeds of the sales went towards the cost of the books.

While there are no tickets, Norweb's envelopes are very distinctive, almost all of which are neatly typed and contain the Norweb insignia on the back: (N, O, R }on a spider's web. The Norwebs had purchased the Ralph Nott collection en bloc in 1961 and many of the Norweb envelopes contain a Nott ticket.

The Norweb volumes, together with M.J. Dickinson's "Seventeenth Century Tokens of the British Isles and Their Values" published in 1986 and reprinted in 2004, are basic texts for all collectors.

## 1989 - John Lancaster Wetton (1911 - 1988)

John Wetton was born at Guildford, Surrey in 1911. He was one of the prime post-War collectors of 17th century tokens and died at Woking, Surrey on 1st August 1988, aged 77 years. While there are very few tickets written by John Wetton, he did write an envelope for every piece and some of these may survive. Many of his pieces have later tickets with "ex-J. Wetton" on them.

John's primary interests were Surrey, Kent, Southwark and London but he had big groups of other counties & representations of most. At its peak, his collection numbered some 3,500 pieces and he claimed that it was probably one of the largest in existence outside the British Museum and Norweb collections. In later years, he concentrated his collecting to just Surrey (which remained intact at his death), Southwark, and London; other counties were either sold or exchanged. Wetton's London tokens were part-swapped by his son with Baldwins for Southwark tokens, **the balance sold at Spink auction no. 74 in 1989**.

John was a founding member of the Woking Numismatic Society in the 1960's, and its Secretary in 1978-79. He wrote the introductory booklet "Seventeenth Century Tradesmens' Tokens" as well as booklets on Surrey, Hampshire and Isle of Wight. He also left a substantial library, having collected published works on the subject of 17th century traders' tokens over his lifetime.

John Wetton was a collector in the grand style of Ralph Nott. With the passing of the Norwebs he was the last collector to build large collections for many counties.

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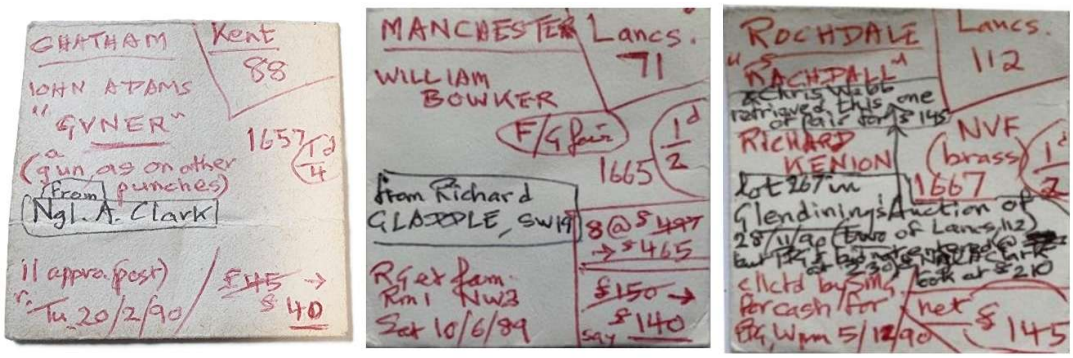
Wetton, Nicholas L., Introduction to "The J.L. Wetton Library Catalogue of Numismatic and Other Works Relating to Seventeenth-Century Tradesmen's Tokens", Squirrel Publishing Limited, ISBN 0 947604 03 0 (December 1989)

## 1997 – Philip Dalton Greenall (1915 - 1991)




The combined Greenall collections of English Tradesmen's tokens 17th, 18th, 19th C etc. **sold at Baldwins in 417 lots 30 October 1997**.

Born 1915 at Hendon, Middlesex and died 1991 at Camden, London, aged 76 years. He was a mathematics teacher in 1939 and later a Fellow of the Statistical Society. He served in the British Air Force in WW2 rising to squadron leader. After the war he became a senior civil servant, President of the London Numismatic Society, Chairman of the Camden Adult Education Institute, the recipient in 1990 of the Labour Party National Executive Committee's Award of Merit.

Biographical notes from British Numismatic Society:
Specialized in the coins of Venice and 17th C tokens. London Numismatic Club, BNS, RNS. Born in Mill Hill later living in Hampstead with his wife Stella Greenall (1926-2008). Worked in the Scientific Civil Service. Built a huge archive of pictures of people at numismatic events after 1946 – sadly now lost. The combined Greenall collections of English Tradesmen's tokens 17th, 18th, 19th C etc. sold at Baldwins in 417 lots 30 October 1997. A collection of 870 Venetian coins and medals was donated to the British Museum.

The Robert Hogarth collection of 17th century Kent tokens was said to have included some from Philp Greenall's collection (see "2005 – Robert Hogarth (1938-2003)").

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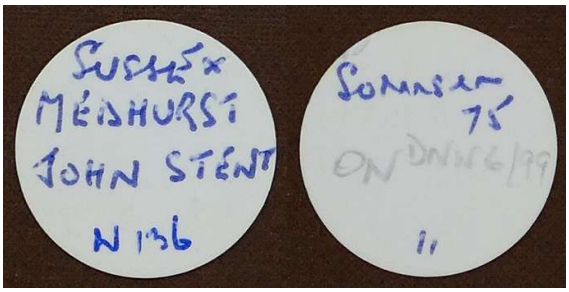
## 1999 - Mick Y Carter ( - late 1990s)




Mick Carter of Quebec, Canada, collected 17th century tokens and sourced most from Canadian dealers. He died suddenly in the late 1990s and his pieces were **auctioned at Dix Noonan Webb in London in 1999**. (Information provided by Nigel Clark)

## 2001 - Roger Alan Shuttlewood (1941 - 2000)

Roger A Shuttlewood was a close friend of Nigel Clark. His occupation was in stockbroking administration, and he died in 2000 at Upminster in Essex. Roger's numismatic speciality was Tudor & Stuart silver coins. Virtually the whole of a **Spink Sale in 2001** was devoted to his Collections of Tudor Coins, 17th century tokens & James I & Charles I farthings. Many important copper (& probably silver) coins were also sold via the Spink Numismatic Circular (SNC) of similar date. He didn't collect 17th century tokens but did deal in them and what were sold in 2001 was what he had decided to keep or hadn't sold. (Information provided by Nigel Clark)

## 2002 - Dora Harris ( - c2002)

The collection of London 17th century tokens formed by the late Mrs Dora Harris was **sold on 11 December 2002** by Dix Noonan Webb. According to Quentin Archer, he was "successful in buying most of the lots on offer" which he credited with rekindling his interest in 17th century tokens.

Nigel Clark wrote a report on the auction in 2003:

> The interesting London collection formed by the wife of the noted numismatist, Eric Harris[Dr Eric James Harris (1915-after 2002)], was of similar size to the foregoing group [329 pieces], but of course provided but a glimpse of the range of the 4,000+

tokens of the capital. Many were from auction offerings of the last 25 years including Faulkner, Sedgwick and Wetton. Preston-Morley's cataloguing again added value to the collection but given that very few collectors have attempted to collect the whole London series, demand was always a bit difficult to predict. In the event, a private collector sheltering behind the anonymity of the auctioneer, blew almost everyone away with some huge bids. What his ambitions are generally in the series will be interesting to see – if "he" is as determined a buyer as his bids here imply, he will need to employ the help of one or two specialist dealers; there simply isn't enough flow of material through the auction houses. Notable prices for single pieces (often to maiden bids!) include £310 for John New of Chartehouse Lane, £270 for Mary Hanson of Trinity Lane, £260 (this to a bidder in the room) for Richard Butler of Bridewell, £230 for Joh. Sandivear of Love Lane, £220 for Edward Lloyd of St James's, and £210 each for John Fishwick of Chick Lane and Will Needes of New King Street. The 329 pieces made a hammer total of £13,640 for a premium etc inclusive average price of £48.

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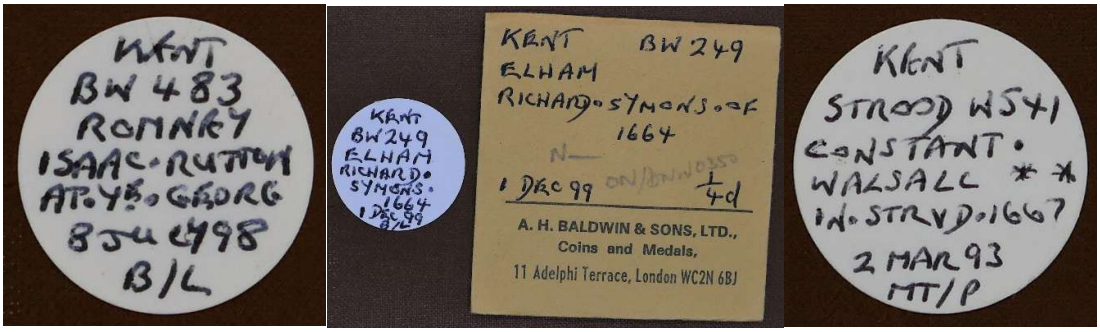
## 2005 - Robert Hogarth (1938 – 2003)




Robert Hogarth was born on 27 May 1938 at Brentford, Middlesex. He joined Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service with postings to the Sudan, the USA, South Korea, Israel, Botswana and Cameroon. After being posted back to London in 1968 he joined the Kent Numismatic Society and his attentions were soon directed towards Kentish hop tokens and other paranumismatica. The hop tokens were later disposed of in order to build up his series of the county's 17th century tokens. His collection of Kent 17th century tokens was **auctioned by Dix Noonan Webb on 16 March 2005.**

His collection was described in the Dix Noonan Webb catalogue (2005) as follows:

> "… the best collection of Kent 17th century tokens to have been publicly dispersed since the holdings of Luther Clements, Williamson's sub-editor for Kent, were auctioned in May 1937. Totalling 561 different varieties, a smidgen short of the 567 (recte 566) collected by Clements and attributed to Kent at that time, this assemblage was only begun in 1991; yet in the space of 12 short years until his untimely death of a heart attack on 4 November 2003, Robert Hogarth assiduously put together what is the second most important collection of the county in existence. No less than 228 pieces derive from the holding formed by Viney James 'Nicky' Newbury (c. 1910-85), a local antiquary whose green-ticketed pieces, all regrettably without any provenances, were acquired en bloc

post-mortem by Baldwin's. Other sources of note include Mrs Norweb, Col. Carthew, Philip Greenall, the barrister and philatelist Sir Geoffrey Edgar Duveen (1883-1975), William Gilbert and even Clements himself."

Apart from numismatics Robert had many other interests, especially photography and railways. He died on 4 November 2003 at Canterbury, Kent, aged 65 years.

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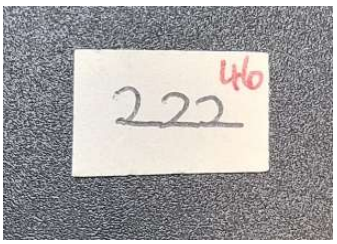
## 2005 - Harry Chambers ( – c2005)




Harry Chambers' ticket for Kent W222: Pines Kite of Dover, 1670. The "46" in red ink was probably added by Simmons Gallery when the collection was auctioned (mail bid 35, lot 46).

The Harry Chambers collection was **auctioned post-mortem at Simmons Gallery in London on 4th October 2005**. Chambers "ticket" is a scrap of paper with basic reference number, etc. He is said to have had quite a mixed collection of tokens. He had a very rare London, South Mimms heart-shape token which sold at the 2005 Noonans auction to David Griffiths, and later to Nigel Clark for £340 plus commission

## 2009 - Derek Pinnock White (1930 – 2008)

Derek White's collection was **auctioned on 5th February 2009 at Stride & Son of Chichester**, West Sussex. His tickets have the Williamson's reference in red.

Derek was born at Kingston, Surrey in 1930. He collected a number of counties but Sussex was his main interest. He lived at Rusper in West Sussex and died there in 2008. His Sussex collection numbered 92 pieces but that included a small number of duplicates. Derek was a

manager of a bookshop and became an ephemera expert and dealer and was a consultant to Stride & Son in that area. Many of his Sussex pieces were purchased at the auction by Nigel Clark.

## 2011 - Rev. Colin Ronald Stansby Harding (1932 – 2011)

(Courtesy of Michael Knight)

Colin Harding was a clergyman and local historian who lived at Barnham, West Sussex and died in December 2011, aged 79 years. After his death, his collection of 17th century tokens was handled by Ron Kerridge who retained some and arranged the sale of the rest. Some Kerridge pieces are stated as ex-C. Harding in the Dix Noonan Webb catalogue for the sale of Ron Kerridge's collection.

The above tickets were provided by Michael Knight, a collector of Hampshire (principally) and Sussex tokens who states "the Albingbourne piece is also ex Tim Everson collection DNW 13 Dec 2016 Lot 3035, where provenance is given as ex Harding, allowing me to identify who wrote the ticket, and two others I have. Hardings tickets are quite distinctive as they are all discoloured around the edge".

Colin Harding had a significant photograph & postcard collection which was purchased by the West Sussex County Council Library Service in January 2012. The collection of 2,044 images comprised 9 albums of postcards (947 images) and 7 albums of photographs (1,097 images), very strong on Barnham & area, but covered other parts of West Sussex and beyond. It was purchased from his widow Mrs Annie L. (Louie) Harding.

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## 2012 - Sir James Ranken Fergusson (1835 - 1924)

Fergusson tickets.

The Fergusson collection comprised some 220 tokens of Kent along with some 120 other pieces along with many old tickets. The collection appeared at auction at Woolley & Wallis Auction (Salisbury), 24-25 April 2012. A report on the auction written by Tim Everson was published in the TCS Bulletin, June 2012 and based on the information in the catalogue published by Wooley & Wallis it was stated "The collection seems to have been formed by Sir Charles Fergusson (died 1849)". However, this now seems doubtful as it was also reported that two letters dated 1880 and 1881 and sold with one lot suggested that the collection was then in the possession of the soldier, politician and colonial administrator, Sir James Ranken Fergusson, Bart., GCSI, PC, FSA Scot (1832-1907), of Hever Court, Ilfield, Gravesend, which makes sense given the localities featured in the collection. Whether Sir James Ranken Fergusson wrote the tickets, or whether they came from an earlier collector, remains an open question, especially given that some of the tickets appeared to date to the 1820s with notes such as "bt 1824" on them. It seems likely that they were written by an earlier collector, as Nigel Clark recalls them being all written in the same hand. Further progress on this depends on finding the catalogue to check what was written in it regarding provenance, and also to identify the lot which included the letters in the hope that there may be a chance of tracking them down.

Tim Everson's report on the auction is given below to aid further research:

A fascinating little collection of 17th century tokens, mostly of Kent was featured at

> the end of the first day of Woolley & Wallis' Silver Sale on 24th April 2012. Woolley and Wallis are based in Salisbury and are renowned for their sales of silver, but not usually for tokens. Nevertheless, a few hardy tokeners had heard of the sale and duly turned up on the day or attached themselves to a telephone or the internet to bid. The collection seems to have been formed by Sir Charles Fergusson (died 1849) and comprised some 220 tokens of Kent along with some 120 other pieces and appears to date from the early 19th century. Old tickets were sometimes inscribed with interesting notes such as: 'found 1829', 'bt 1824' and 'found Gravesend 1847'. There were 13 lots of Kent pieces generally divided into large groups for various towns; a Canterbury Lot, a Maidstone Lot, etc. These generally sold for between £360 and £650 hammer. The two exceptions were a superb Gravesend group which had no less than six pieces not present in the Hogarth Collection (BW 289, 292, 293, 303, 305 & 309) and a group for Dartford, Deptford, Greenhithe, Greenwich and Woolwich which had two such pieces (BW 134 & 135). These lots were both knocked down for £1,600 which is £2,022.40 when the whopping 22% commission plus VAT are added. Another rare token featured in a lot of eight Faversham pieces; the square token of Phillip Butler which again was missing from Hogarth. This group fetched £550 hammer, £695.20 total and went to Nigel Clark, as had the Gravesend group. Two heart-shaped tokens for Milton-next-Gravesend, BW 414 & 418, fetched £442.40, whilst one for Maidstone (BW 396) went for £480.32 in total, the latter also to Nigel Clark. Other lots went to anonymous telephone and internet bidders. The last three lots of the token collection each consisted of about 50-60 tokens. Lot 524 had 51 London tokens and four Southwark tokens. Estimated at a very modest £300-400, it was knocked down to Nigel Clark for £3,200. That's £4,044.80 in total, or just shy of £75 per token which seems a fair price for London pieces these days. The last lot of 60 pieces came from all over. It included some bashed Bristol City and other 'Town' tokens, but also some very rare pieces. I noticed a couple from Hereford and an apparently unpublished Wrexham piece. Also estimated at £300-400, this too sold to Nigel Clark for £4,200, or £5,308.80 total. The last lot had a Mic Wilson token of Dublin plus various other damaged tokens and some Royal and Rose farthings. Estimated at £30-50, these sold for a total of £480.32. The two large lots at the end helped push the total price for the sale to £16,500 (20,856) which I'm sure was a surprise to the vendor and goes to show that auction houses away from London are still a very useful source for rare tokens, although probably not for bargains.

In the same TCS Bullet, June 2012, Tim Everson (as Editor) commented:

> Further to my article on the Kent etc Collection sold by Woolley and Wallis in the summer, both Peter Preston-Morley and Nigel Clark have provided me with further information about the provenance of the collection which was omitted from the catalogue: 'A collection of 17th century tokens of Kent and elsewhere formed in the early to mid 19th century, a number retaining the collector's identification tickets, the oldest of which dates to 1824. Two letters dated 1880 and 1881 and sold with one lot suggest that the collection was then in the possession of the soldier, politician and colonial administrator, Sir James Ranken Fergusson, Bart., GCSI, PC, FSA Scot (1832-1907), of Hever Court, Ilfield, Gravesend. **It seems probable that the collection was started by his father Sir Charles Fergusson who died in 1849 and was continued by his son**.'

Genealogical research shows that Sir Charles Dalrymple Fergusson (1800-1849) was 5th Baronet of Kilkerran, Ayrshire in Scotland. He died at Inveresk, Scotland in 1849. His son Sir James

(1832-1907), the 6th Baronet, did not reside at Hever Court, Gravesend. It was actually Sir James Ranken Fergusson (1835-1924), 2nd Baronet of Spitalhaugh, Peeblesshire. He is the one who lived at Hever Court in the parish of Ifield, Gravesend. His second wife, Louisa, is commemorated in the local Ifield churchyard, explicitly noted on her tablet as the wife of "*Sir James Ranken Fergusson, Bt., of Spitalhaugh, Peebleshire, and Hever Court in this parish*.". The father of this Sir James Ranken Ferguson was the Scottish surgeon Sir William Fergusson, 1st Baronet (1808–1877), who served as Sergeant-Surgeon to Queen Victoria. Perhaps it was he that started the collection which then passed to his son after his death in 1877?

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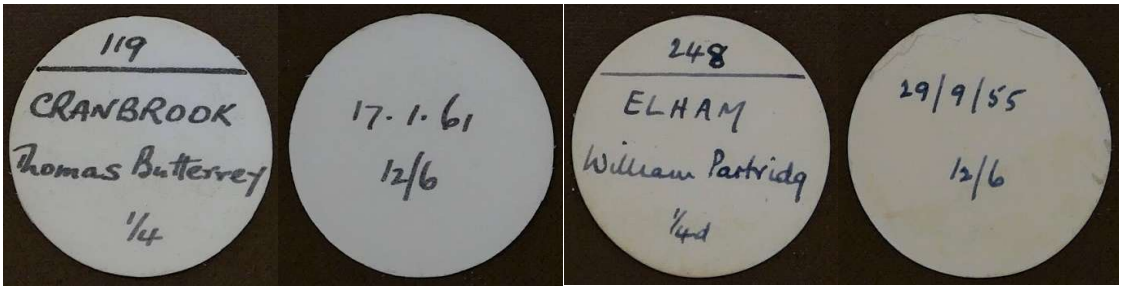
## 2013 - Peter G.H. Mann (1932 – 2013)




Peter Mann's collection of Kent tokens was **auctioned at Dix Noonan Webb on 2 October 2013**.

Peter George Hubert Mann was born on 30 May 1932 in Kuala Lumpur of colonial parents. He joined the junior King's School, Canterbury, in 1938 and was evacuated with the school to Cornwall to avoid the Blitz. During his time in Cornwall he formed an interest in collecting Kent tokens and at various times he travelled to London to spend his pocket money on them.

Peter joined the senior King's School in Canterbury in 1945 as a King's Scholar. He learned to fly with the R.A.F. and after completing his education at King's he deferred his university entrance and joined the RAF for his National Service as a Pilot Officer. After National Service Peter took up his deferred place at London University to train as a veterinary surgeon and eventually he had his own practice. He became President of the British Small Animal Veterinary Association and a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Council. In later life he was the Veterinary Director of the P.D.S.A., the largest charitable veterinary practice in the World.

In retirement he maintained his interest in his profession, as well as in Kent tokens. He died on 27 February 2013 at Leatherhead, Surrey.

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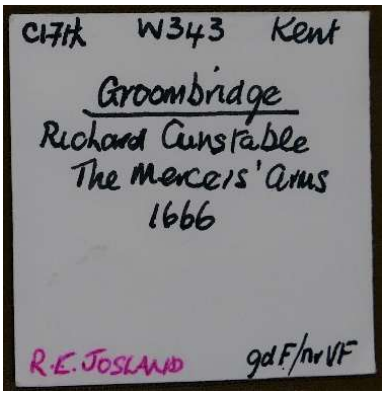
## 2014 - Ronald E. Josland ( - still living)



Ron Josland envelopes and tickets that may be his also. Both tickets were in Ron Josland envelopes with each token having a different provenance. Also there are similarities in the structure of the information on the ticket and the envelopes. Subsequently, two more Josland envelopes with these round tickets have come to light: Kent W4 William Botting (ex Sharman) and Kent W15 Robert Wage (ex Shuttlewood).

The Ronald Josland Collection of 17th century Kent tokens was **auctioned on 16 December 2014 at St James's Auctions (no. 31)**. His tokens are known for their distinctive envelopes which conveniently have his name on them.

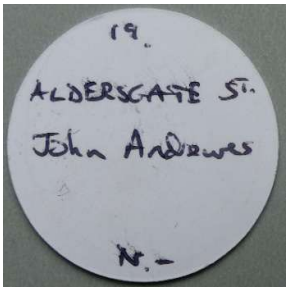
Ron wrote the following for the auction catalogue:

> I have been building this collection of 17th century tokens of Kent and town pieces over the past 30 years or more, greatly helped by my 45 year membership of the Kent Numismatic Society, where for 25 years I have acted as secretary. I have engaged in detailed research on great number of the issuers of Kent, culminating in an extensive archive which I hope I will be able to publish at some stage.
> After taking early retirement in 1990 from a managerial position with British Telecom, I joined the museum service at Maidstone Museum and Art Gallery. During my time there I took on the task of assessing and re-packaging some of the tokens housed in the museum. This included three collections put together by the Rev. Ackworth: his hop tokens, love tokens and 17th century tokens. After this I continued my work on the various 17th century collections held in the museum's archive and was pleased to have had an essay titled "A Group of Seventeenth Century Tokens in Maidstone Museum", published in the Kent annual publication "Archaeologia Cantiana" (Vol CXVI 1996). On retirement from the museum I continued in this task as a volunteer, the project lasting in total over six years.

> I continue as a keen numismatic collector but having taken the 17th century collection as far as I could, I am now taking a new direction in my collecting field. I hope that the future owners of my tokens will derive as much pleasure from them as I have over the years. Ron Josland B.A. Dip. Kent History Cert. Arch.

**Reference:**
http://www.auction-net.co.uk/viewAuction.php?id=2033&offset=300 , accessed 4 Nov 2022.

## 2016 - Quentin Archer (1955 - still living)



An example of the distinctive Quentin Archer ticket (from his London collection).

A London based solicitor and collector of 17th century tokens who has been selling his large London collection (3,000+ pieces) and other counties through **Dix Noonan Webb (now Noonans Mayfair) in a number of auctions commencing in September 2016**. One catalogue for that auction has a biographical article written by him. He is believed to still collect Middlesex tokens.

> "… in 1972, at the age of 16, I successfully bought three London 17th century tokens. It was to be another 30 years before I acquired any more, but in the intervening decades I never forgot them. …. my interest in the London tokens resurfaced, aided by the appearance of Dora Harris's fine collection at Dix Noonan Webb in 2002. Somewhat to my surprise I was successful in buying most of the lots on offer. I collected spasmodically over the next few years, but I could not miss the sale of the Norweb collection of City of London tokens in 2008, and from then onwards my fascination with London tokens, history and topography has continued to grow."

At one stage, Quentin went into dealing and established a company called Copperbark Ltd in 2015, based in Norwich, Norfolk, which has since been closed. It sold "Roman, English and Russian coins together with an extensive collection of 17th century tokens". Some Kent tokens from his collection were sold through Copperbark, but the remainder were auctioned by Noonans on 26 Apr 2023. He did write distinctive tickets for his London/Middlesex collection, but not for other counties., so his tickets will generally differentiate his collection pieces from his stock pieces as a dealer.

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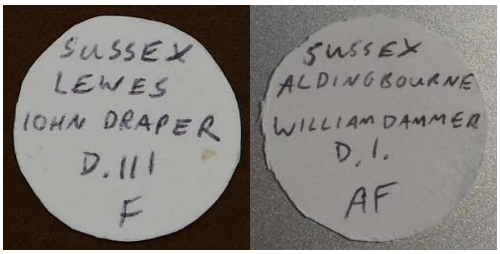
Quentin Archer - Collector Biography: https://www.noonans.co.uk/auctions/archive/special-collections/615/collector/

## 2016 - Tim Everson (1963 - still living)




Tim Everson's Sussex collection comprising about 120(?) pieces was **auctioned by Dix Noonan Webb on 12-13 December 2016** and included tickets. He has had a number of collections over the years which he has sold but has retained a collection for Surrey & Southwark.

Tim has authored a number of books including "Seventeenth Century Trading Tokens of Surrey and Southwark" and "The Galata Guide to the Farthing Tokens of James I and Charles I". He is a co-author of "Gloucestershire Seventeenth-Century Tokens". Tim is a regular contributor to the TCS Bulletin.

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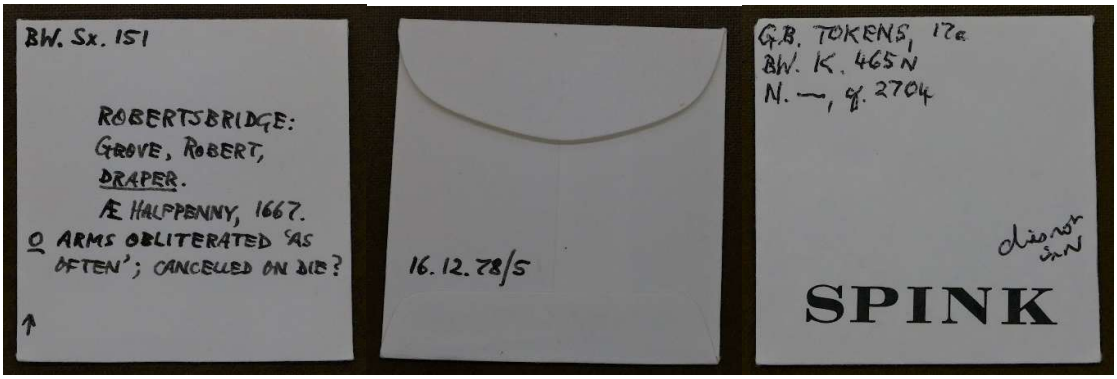
https://www.noonans.co.uk/auctions/calendar/443/catalogue/?specialcollectionpart_id=680/ , accessed 3 November 2022. (The Collection starts at Lot 3035).

## 2017 - Robert H. Thompson (1944 - 2017)




Robert Thompson was born in Cardiff in 1943 and died in 2017, aged 73 years. His collection was subsequently **sold at Noonans in three parts between 30 September and 1 December 2020**.

Robert is well known for his work with M.J. Dickinson in publishing the Norweb Collection of Tokens of the British Isles, 1575-1750 - the largest privately owned collection - in eight volumes in the Sylloge of Coins of the British Isles series. He began examining and recording this collection in 1974 and the eight volumes were published between 1984-2011, with Michael Dickinson joining the project in 1990 and co-authoring Vol III onwards.

Although "Norweb" will be be seen as his greatest achievement, Robert also made many contributions to journals and publications over his lifetime. One of his important articles was 'Central or local production of seventeenth-century tokens', published in the British Numismatic Journal of 1989, in which he successfully established that the vast majority of these were struck in London, most of them by engravers and coiners working at the Tower Mint. Robert became Librarian of the Royal Numismatic Society in 2010, and in the following year also for the British Numismatic Society, serving both societies in this capacity until his death. He had been Librarian for the British Numismatic Society from 1966 to 1981, and was awarded that society's Sanford Saltus Gold Medal for 1999. Robert also had an interest in the local history of Hackney and Harrow - places where he lived and worked.

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Dickinson, Michael, "*An Appreciation Of Robert Thompson*" in Token Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol. 12, No. 5, p. 193-195. (December 2017)
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## 2020 - John Rose ( - still living)

John Rose's collection was **auctioned by Dix Noonan Webb on 17 November 2020.** It was London centric but contained a number of Kent tokens. The following summary is based on the biographical notes in the sale catalogue:

> Originally from London where John's interest in tokens developed, he moved to Manchester in 1977 to take a position in the city's Medical School.
> His collection was broad in its scope, but understandably London-centric and particularly so for the 17th century tokens, which was his chief focus throughout his collecting years. Apart from contributing notes on his new and unpublished acquisitions to the Token Corresponding Society's Bulletin, John was an important contributor to Tim Everson's recent standard reference on the Southwark series.

The Rose collection of Southwark tokens stands alongside those of Danehower, Archer and Hayward, all sold by Dix Noonan Webb.

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Preston-Morley, Peter. J. "*John Rose*", Dix Noonan Webb Catalogue, 17 November 2020.

## 2020 - Ronald (Ron) G. P. Kerridge (1938 – 2013)

Ron Kerridge's collection of Sussex tokens was auctioned at Dix Noonan Webb on **1-2 December 2020** along with other items he had collected. No tickets or envelopes were included. However, those who own an ex-Ron Kerridge token for West Sussex may find a photograph of it in his book.

Ron was born in 1938 at Southwick, West Sussex and died at Worthing in 2013, aged 75 years. He is well known as co-author of the book "Tokens, Tickets, Checks and Passes of West Sussex, 1650-1950", an essential text for Sussex collectors. He began his collection of Sussex 17th century

tokens in 1974 which eventually numbered 131 pieces, claimed to be one of the most complete ever formed.

Ron acquired several of his pieces from his local historian friend Rev. Colin Harding after he died in December 2011. Although there would appear to be no surviving tickets of Kerridge's or Harding's, the connection to Harding is recorded in the Dix Noonan Webb catalogue, presumably based on some documentation existing at the time.

The following is an extract from his obituary in the TCS Bulletin, September 2013, written by Rob de Ruiter:

> Ron was a founder member of the Worthing and District Numismatic Society of which he was president at the time of his death. In 2007 Ron and I joined forces to fashion his research notes and my photographs into "The Tokens, Metallic Tickets, Checks and Passes of West Sussex, 1650-1950" which we published in 2009.
> Ron's interest in local history led him to write or co-write books on the history of Lancing, Worthing, Broadwater and Ferring and, more recently, the history of Worthing Football Club. He also delved into archaeology and geology and became an authority on flint tools.
> It all culminated in Ron gaining a Master of Arts degree in regional history from Brighton Polytechnic.
> Ron's collecting interests went beyond tokens and included a Sussex-related collection of medals comprising some 350 pieces, and an outstanding collection of 'curious currency' or barter currencies from around the world. His collection included unique items such as beads, spears, knives and manillas (slave trade money).

A more detailed biography is available in the Dix Noonan Webb catalogue.

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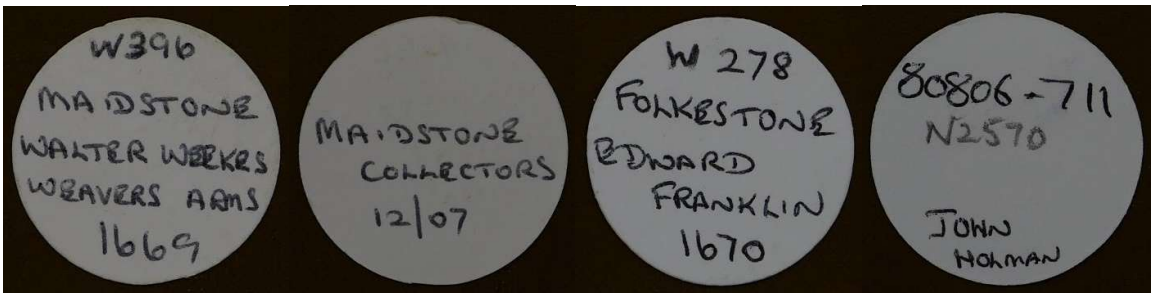
de Ruiter, Rob., "*Ron Kerridge 14th February 1938 – 13th June 2013*", in Token Corresponding Society Bulletin, Vol. 10, No. 12, p. 472. (September 2013)
Newman, John, "*Ronald Kerridge (1938-2013)*" in Dix Noonan Webb catalogue, "Coins, Tokens and Historical Medals Tuesday 1 and Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 10am, Catalogue 185". https://www.noonans.co.uk/auctions/archive/past-catalogues/574/catalogue/ accessed 3 Nov 2022. (Biography on page 148, Collection starts with Lot 1111).

## 2021 - Roger Green ( - still living)



Roger Green was a dealer who lived in SE London but later moved to Dorset. His collection contained about 360 tokens from Kent and was sold by Hansons Auctioneers at Etwall, Derbyshire on **21-22 May 2021**.

The following is summarised from an article in the Daily Mail on 5 May 2021:

> Roger Green, who is from Kent, spent 35 years collecting the tokens on the muddy banks of the River Thames. Mr Green said: "I started collecting coins but gradually moved to tokens. I find them more interesting as they're personal to the people who issued and used them".
>
> "I joined the Society of Thames Mudlarks and Antiquarians in 1985. River digging opened a whole new area and over the years I managed to find quite a few tokens, mostly from London and Southwark but also from other areas of the country. Tokens from the river are usually in good condition as they're in a sealed layer of silt which preserves them from the ravages of time".
>
> "Now I've decided it's time to let my collection go. I'm getting older and have fewer opportunities to add new pieces. Also, as I now live in Dorset, the draw of Kent pieces is not so strong".

Not all the tokens in the collection were from mudlarking as shown by W278 above (Edward Franklin of Folkestone). This had come from the dealer John Holman and included his label.

**References:**

Daily Mail, 5 May 2021, "Great Fire Sale of London: Collection of trading tokens - including ones minted in year of famous 1666 blaze - are set to fetch £20,000 at auction" by Harry Howard for MailOnline. https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9544661/Collection-trading-tokens-including-ones-minted-year-famous-1666-blaze-fetch-20-000.html visited 1 Nov 2022.

## 2024 - Tony Allnutt (1933 - 2021)

The collection of the late Tony Allnutt was **auctioned on 21 Feb 2024 by Noonans** (Auction 289, lots 65-137). A number of T. Allnutt tokens sold by dealers were said to have tickets which show that the respective token was purchased in the late 1960s/early 1970s, so that is presumably the era his collection was formed. This information is confirmed in the TCS Bulletin, Vol. 1, No. 1 (1971) where there is a request from Tony Allnutt:

> NOTES AND QUERIES
>
> NO.1: I am studying the 17th Century tokens of Kent and am trying to obtain information on die varieties and the relative scarcity of the various pieces. I should be glad to hear from any reader who has a collection, however, small, of this series, and who would be willing to help.
>
> A.J. ALLNUTT

He may be the Anthony Allnutt who died on 29 Nov 2021, aged 88 years, last residence being at Chislehurst in Kent.

## 2024 – Stephen Wrenn (1937 - 2024)

Stephen Wrenn ticket (Wayne Ingram, confirmed Glen Ward).

Tokens from the collection of the late Stephen Wrenn, representing the alphabetical counties from Bedfordshire to Lincolnshire and forming the first part of the principal Wrenn collection, were **auctioned on 8 October 2024 by Noonans Mayfair**. The balance of the collection, from London to Yorkshire, will be sold in 2025. A total of 1,038 tokens were offered for sale but select elements of the collection were retained by the family. At this stage it is not known if there were any tickets or envelopes produced by Wrenn. The Kent tokens in the collection were poor quality and were all sold in lots of 10-20 tokens except for a heart shaped William Kempster of Milton-next-Gravesend in abt F-F condition which was sold individually for £80. His biographical details in the auction catalogue were as follows:

> Stephen Wrenn (by Rosalie Wrenn)
>
> Steve was born at West Wickham, Kent, on 13 December 1937, the youngest of three brothers. When World War II broke out their father was called up and their mother left to care for the boys. Inevitably their home was bomb-damaged and the family was relocated to Belper, Derbyshire, where the boys settled and integrated with schools and local sport in the community.
>
> After attending Herbert Strutt Grammar School and serving an apprenticeship in the printing industry, National Service was the next step and Steve joined the 2nd Battalion Grenadier Guards. On being posted to Germany he realised that to avoid the parade ground it was useful to excel at sport and so discovered that he could run. For the rest of his service he represented the Grenadiers Athletic Team, travelling all over Europe.
>
> Following National Service Steve returned to his printing career at R.B. Macmillan of Derby and family life. At Macmillans he took up lithographic printing in two colours before progressing to four colours at Chromoworks at Nottingham. It became obvious that Steve had developed an allergy to chemicals in the printing process and a change of career was needed. He applied for the position of print buyer with Fisons Pharmaceuticals at Loughborough. During the interview he was asked about hobbies. On being told that he was interested in numismatics the interviewer asked what that was. Steve explained, and always credited numismatics for getting him the job. After 15 years with Fisons Steve took up a similar position with the chocolate manufacturer Thorntons at Belper, where he remained until retirement.
>
> His love of history led to his interest in numismatics, which began at the age of 12 with a tin of coins left to him by his grandfather. This interest continued with the examining of loose change and a few purchases which eventually became a small collection. As his knowledge expanded, his special interest in 17th century tokens developed and continued throughout his life. No visit to other towns and holiday resorts was complete without a

tour of the local flea markets and antique shops together with the regular Sunday morning trip to car boot sales. Steve could always provide a historical contribution to homework and would often allow coins to be taken to school for 'show and tell'. Always glad to see the coins returned safely, he was always willing to share his knowledge and perhaps inspire a future collector.

Steve died on 5 March 2024, leaving his wife Rosalie, and three children.

## 2026 – Peter John Lee (1938 - 2022)

Peter Lee's collection of 17th century tokens from Kent were **auctioned on 22 April 2026 by Noonans Mayfair**. It is not known if he wrote any tickets but there were none of his in the auction items received by this author.

The following biography was published in the catalogue:

Peter Lee was born in Edgware, Middlesex, the eldest of four siblings. His family moved to Scotland in 1940 when his father, a Lieutenant in the army, was posted there. After the war ended, the family remained in Edinburgh for a further ten years.

Peter was educated at George Heriot's School, Edinburgh, where he excelled, particularly in English, Geography and Economics. When the rest of the family moved back to London, Peter stayed in Edinburgh, living with his aunt while he finished his education.

In the late 1950s he rejoined his family in London and began his training to be a chartered accountant. At that time his parents ran the Hope & Anchor pub in east London. While living at the pub, Peter started playing the drums and formed a band with friends. After the death of his father, the family moved to Tooting, where his mother ran a shop. They later moved to Herne Bay; from there Peter commuted daily to London and worked in the City. He continued to play the drums, and joined a band called The Sect, who built up quite a following in and around the Whitstable area.

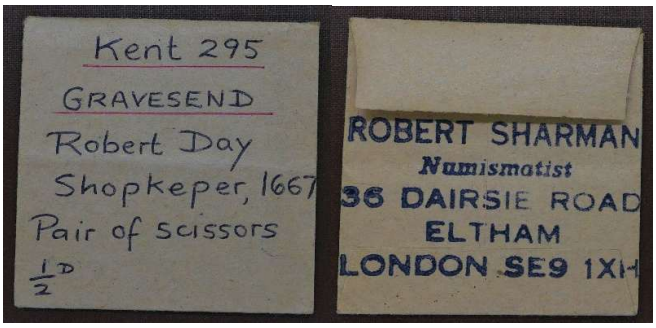
Later in the 1960s he met and married his wife Maureen, and after the birth of their second daughter they moved from Hornchurch to Tonbridge in Kent. They later moved to Langley, near Maidstone, and finally to the village of Hollingbourne, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

Peter was always interested in history and nature, and loved walking in the countryside. He was passionate about protecting the green belt areas around Hollingbourne and enjoyed metal detecting in the local fields, at times fiding interesting objects. He was an avid collector, starting with stamps as a child in Edinburgh, and enjoyed visiting auctions and antique fairs to add to his various collections. Moving to the Kent countryside in the 1970s triggered an interest in the history of the county, and he built up large collections of related items, including old postcards and hop tokens.

Peter sadly died at the age of 83 in 2022 and is greatly missed by his family.

Cathy Heath

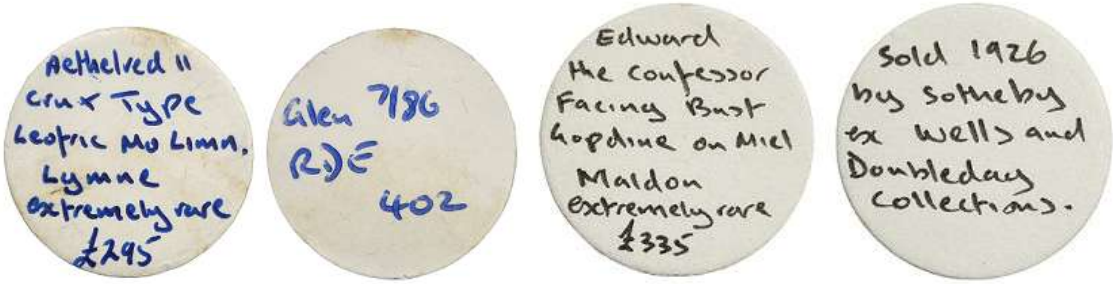
## Robert Scott Sharman ( – still living)



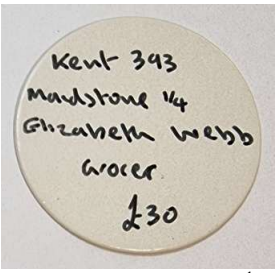

Robert Sharman was a B.A. Seaby employee 1962-82, who subsequently became an independent dealer. He was Treasurer of the Token Corresponding Society in the 1980s. He had a small collection of Romney Marsh area (incl. Hythe) & Eltham area (incl. Dartford, Gravesend) 17th century tokens - since sold. Many Seaby and later tickets are in his hand.

A Seaby stock ticket written by Robert Sharman.

## Michael Trenerry (1953 – still living)




Examples of Trenerry tickets from other hammered coins, not 17th century tokens.
(Source: https://w.englishhammered.com/tickets/ticketst.html)



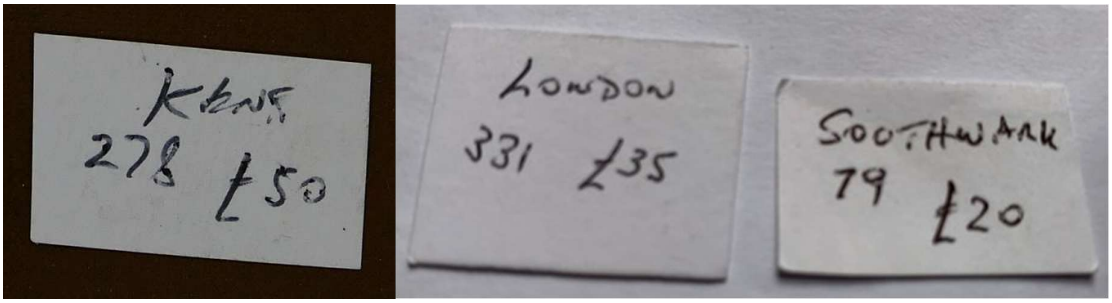

A Michael Trenerry ticket for a 17th century token.

Michael Trenerry is based in Truro, Cornwall. He originally studied for a degree in law at the University of London, financing his studies by buying and selling 18th and 19th century trade tokens and English hammered coins. On graduating, he qualified as a solicitor, while continuing to deal in pre-1660 English, Roman and Celtic coins and 17th century trade tokens.

Michael has some 30 years' experience as an independent coin dealer and, with his wife Elizabeth, is a director of Michael Trenerry Coins, primarily a mail order business issuing catalogues of Roman, Celtic, English hammered coins and 17th century tokens.

Michael is also a consultant for Noonan's Mayfair. It would appear that he wrote some tickets for 17th century tokens, and some envelopes indicate that the token was bought from him (e.g. Kent BW223, R. Josland collection, sold St James's Auctions no 31, 16 Dec 2014).

## John Holman ( - still living)



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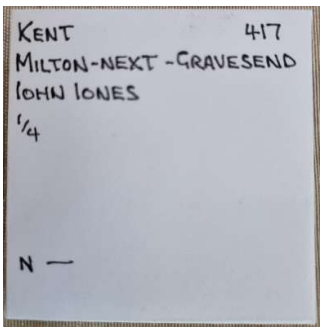
John Holman is a London based dealer who used to put out big lists of over a thousand 17th century tokens but who has now largely sold off all his 17th century token stock. While not a collector, his price tickets can sometimes be found in envelopes and other collector's tickets sometimes show him as the source.

## Nigel Clark (1946 - still living)

Nigel Clark is an active dealer and collector in Blackheath, London. Although he no longer writes tickets there are a number that survive from his early days.

Nigel's earlier career was in finance as a bond trader (one of three separate careers in the investment industry in the City of London) from which he retired in 2006. He started collecting and dealing in the mid 1970s. His numismatic collecting interests are farthings (initially all, but his extant collection is now Richard II to George I) and 17th Century Tokens of Cheshire, Cumberland, Durham, Essex, Lancashire, Northumberland, Suffolk, Sussex, Westmorland, all Heart-shapes, & Eltham, Greenwich, Lewisham & Woolwich in Kent.

## Glen Ward (  - still living)




Glen is a dealer and collector in Ledbury, Herefordshire who operates the website "Rare Coins and Tokens". He collects 17th century tokens for Herefordshire, Worcestershire & much of Gloucestershire, and any within a 30 mile radius of Ledbury. He also has interests in Lycian, Roman and Charles I coinages.

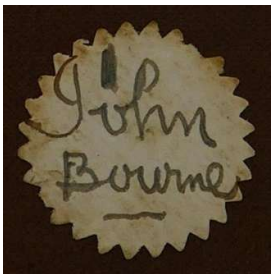
While he is not a Sussex or Kent collector, Glen has sold many of these tokens via his website, and they usually come with an envelope written out by him in addition to tickets and envelopes from previous collectors. A sample of his envelopes is shown above as it can be useful to identify tokens that have been aquired from Glen, in which case more information may be available at his website archive.

## Mark Reed (  - still living)

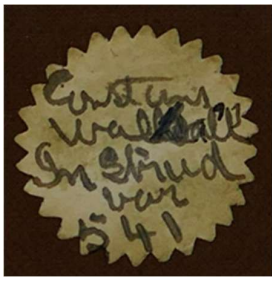
Mark Reed lives in Metheringham, Lincolnshire. He was a collector of Kent 17th century tokens until 2023 when he decided to sell so he could spend more time adding to his Iceni and Anglo Saxon coin collections. His collection totalled 92 tokens and was largely sold on eBay and via the Facebook group "17th Century Traders' Tokens".

## Unknown 1

Kent W1




Kent W541




Kent W181

Kent W363

Kent W142

The John Bourne and Matthew Jesson tokens were ex R. Thompson, ex-Norweb, ex-Nott. The Constant Walsall is ex Hogarth, ex-Norweb, ex-Nott. The ticket for Thomas Smith of Dartford, W142, is ex R.A. Nott, ex Norweb 2470. These tickets belong to none of these collectors, so they are likely to pre-date Nott, the earliest of these collectors (Nott was known to retain old tickets). It suggests that perhaps Nott purchased the whole of Kent from this collector.

The writing appears to be 19th century - cf. Fergusson tickets and envelope. However, the numbers on the ticket are from Williamson, which dates them to 1889 at the very earliest. It has been suggested that these might have come from the Lowsley collection, sold by Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge in 1899.
(W181, W363, W142 images courtesy of Glen Ward, rarecoinsandtokens.co.uk)

**Reference:**
CATALOGUE OF THE COLLECTION OF TOKENS AND COINS, THE PROPERTY OF Lieutenant-Colonel B. LOWSLEY {Retired) Royal Engineers ; of Southsea, Hants , INCLUDING An Important Arrangement of the Seventeenth Century Tokens for English Counties ; ……..
Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge Auction, 3 May 1899.
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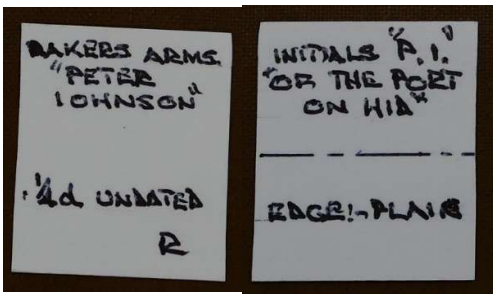
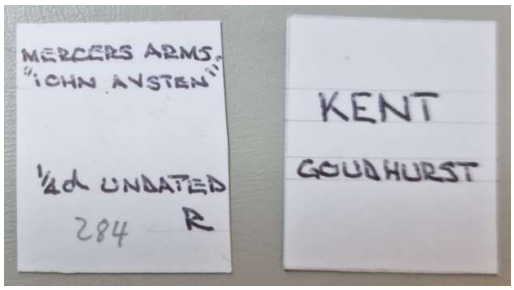
Kent W358




Kent W284




These were submitted to the British Numismatic society "Mystery Tickets" document and have been identified as: "The pencil on the back is from Jerome Luchesa Smith (Bermondsey Coins). Anonymous collection of 128 Kent Tokens bought from Warwick and Warwick in 2020."

## Unknown 3

Kent W10

An eBay purchase with no provenance.

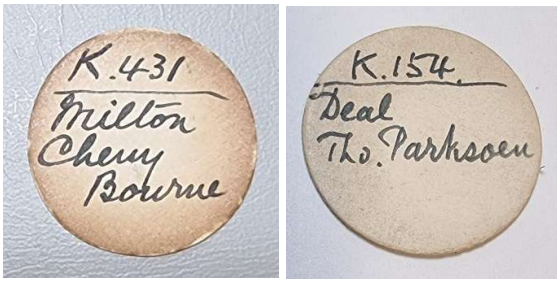
## Unknown 4

Kent W397

A number of tokens with similar tickets to this were sold on eBay in April 2024. When asked, the seller (Richard Kebbell) he said he didn't know anything about the ticket except that it was from a significant collector who had purchased the pieces mostly in the 1970s & 80s. The tokens with these tickets included many counties - a lot of Kent but also Somerset, Suffolk, Berkshire and others.

## Unknown 5

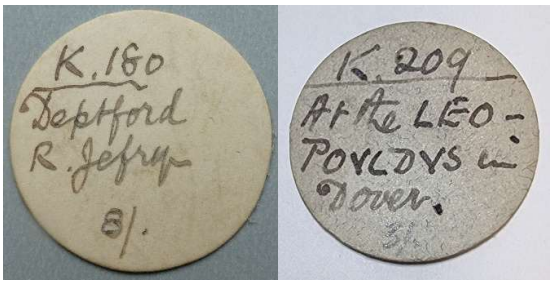
Kent W431




The Cheny Bourne ticket came with a token that was ex Dora Harris, ex Robert Sharman, ex R.E. Josland. Mrs Harris purchased the token on 11 May 1983 and presumably this ticket came with it. The Thomas Parksoen came with no information.

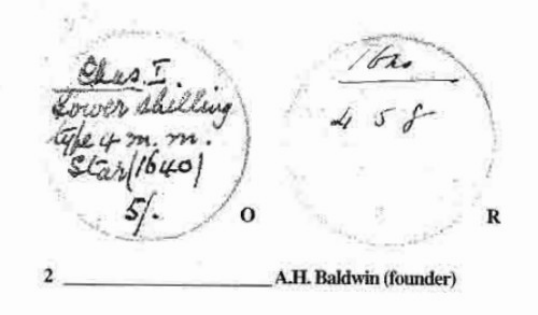
## Unknown 6

Kent W180




The R. [Richard] Jefry ticket came from the Dix Noonan Webb (now Noonans Mayfair) auction lot 1091, cat 185, 02/12/2020 but didn't match a token sold in the lot. The lot was from the collection of the late Robert Thompson. It looks like a price ticket from a dealer. The K209 ticket came with no information.
(R. Jefry image courtesy of Glen Ward, rarecoinsandtokens.co.uk).

Could it be A.H. Baldwin?




(from "Coin Tickets in the British Hammered Series" by Eaglen, Mitchell and Pagan. BNJ vol 71 (2001), pp. 136-57.

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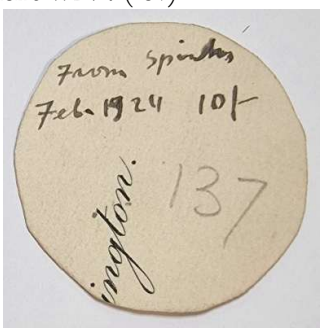
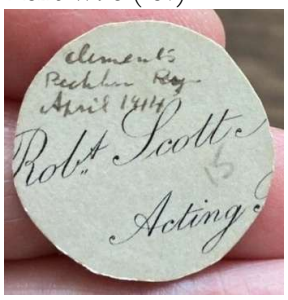
Kent W388 Kent W274 (obv) Kent W274 (rev)




These tickets were written by a significant collector of Kent tokens and show that he was collecting at least between 1914-1924.
The first ticket (Maidstone) came with the token W388/N2625 (actually N----) which was ex Tony Allnutt, Noonan's Auction 289, 21 Feb 2024, Lot 95 (part of). Provenance was given as "N2635 and 2636 at 1.51g bought Seaby October 1969 [2636 with Spink January 1914]". There is nothing on the reverse of this ticket.
The second ticket (Faversham) was also ex Tony Allnutt, and importantly this has "from Spinks Feb 1924, 10/-" on the back.

Kent W96 (obv) Kent W96 (rev)




The third ticket (Chatham) provides further information in that it states the purchase date as April 1914. The reference on the back refers to Luther Clements (1853-1936) who lived at Peckham Rye in London. He collected 17th-century tokens attributed to Kent and was a sub-

editor for the Kent section of Williamson's book "Trade Tokens Issued in the Seventeenth Century," published in 1889. The token would appear to have been purchased from him, although his main collection is said to have been publicly dispersed at auction in May 1937. The date also coincides with the Hodgkin collection auctioned at Sotheby's on 22 April 1914 (Spink Numismatic Circular (SNC) Jan 1990). The pencil written prices were probably written by later dealers.

Kent W486

Another reference to Luther Clements on the reverse of this ticket.

## Others

Sussex W72

Dealer's ticket?

Sussex W114

Sussex W49

Possibly same writer as above (Sussex W114) – Unknown 6?

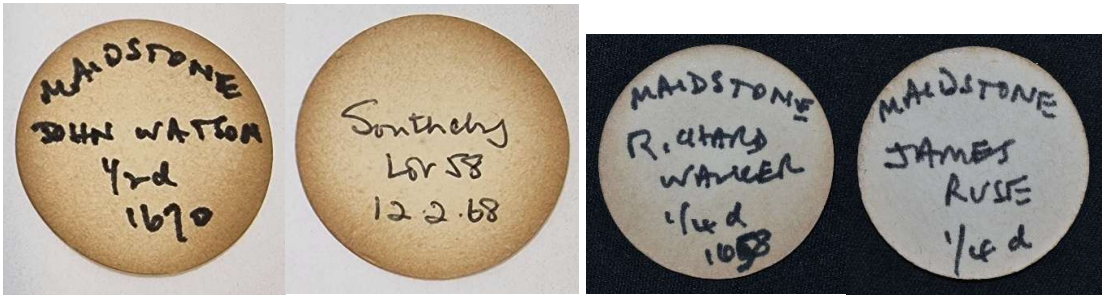
Kent W308

Looks late 19th – early 20th century.

Kent W453

Looks late 19th – early 20th century.

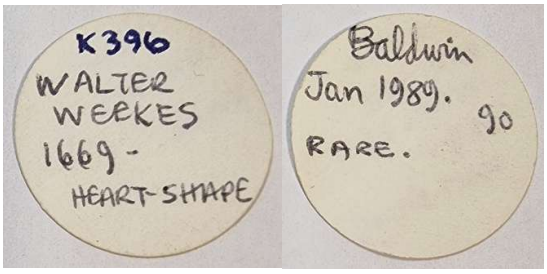
Kent W392




Looks like a Colin Harding due to the brown edges, but the writing is not the same.The ticket for the Richard Walker was Ex Peter Lee Collection, Noonans, 22/4/26, lot 248 and previously R Hogarth Collection, DNW, 16/3/2005, lot 1191. It is presumably older than the Hogarth Collection. The Sotheby Auction on 12 Feb 1968 was titled:

Catalogue of Coins and Medals comprising a collection of Greek, Roman and English Coins ... including the property of the late Mrs. F. L. Dickson ... and other owners : Monday, 12th February, 1968 / Sotheby & Co.
The actual catalogue has yet to be sighted.

Kent W396

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